

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 1615

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 03715.0109

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Jöel RICHARD et al.	Group Art Unit: 1615
Application No.: 10/049,186	Examiner: Gollamudi S. Kishore
Filed: February 8, 2002	Confirmation No.: 8142
For: MICROPARTICLES FOR) PULMONARY ADMINISTRATION)	Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450	

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2004, reconsideration of this application and reexamination of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on September 17, 2004, and are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 herewith, together with a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the deadline for filing an Appeal Brief to December 17, 2004. This paper satisfies the requirement for a "submission" to accompany the RCE.

Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 2-11.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 12.